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Sir:

Preliminary to any Office Action on the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 18, change "equal to or" to -slightly--.